

REMARKS

Further to the amendment filed on February 11, 2009, the claims are amended to further distinguish from the cited references. The Amendments presented herein assumes that the amendment of February 11, 2009 has been entered.

Claim 1 has been amended to include limitations from claim 8 as well as a limitation related to a process condition that the supercooling is performed at not more than 0.7°C from the equilibrium conditions to make the hydrate. This is supported at least by paragraph [49] of the instant Specification as filed. A skilled artisan would not have found it obvious to practice the present invention including the added process condition limitation (as recited in amended claim 1) based on the cited references.

It should be noted that the amendment filed on February 11, 2009, has not been entered. The present RCE includes the request to enter and consider the unentered Amendment. Therefore, the Examiner is requested to consider the amendments and detailed remarks provided in the unentered amendment, in addition to the claim amendments provided herein.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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